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"And when the day of Pentecost was full, some they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1.
"And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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PAUL'S STATEMENTS CONSIDER'D

If Women Should Preach the Gospel What Does Paul Mean?

Dark Passages of Scripture Made Plain in the Light That Shines in the Last Days.

There have been so many interpretations of Paul's statement that women should "keep silence in the churches" that it has been an easy matter for the minds of the people to become confused. Many of the strongest churches numerically have looked upon this as a direct command that women should not preach the gospel, and thus the talents and callings of thousands of precious women have been stifled, and the pent-up feelings and energies have been so quenched that many have departed this life no doubt with a consciousness that their hopes have been blasted and their lives a failure.

As the age is fast drawing to a close, and the Holy Spirit is moving upon the masses more or less obtrusively, many good women are held in check, and their energies and abilities are lying dormant because of traditional interpretations of these Scriptures.

The fourteenth chapter of 1st Corinthians has been a hidden chapter to the masses of Christians for centuries, and even now the depth of its meaning remains a mystery: Not a few congratulate themselves on finding a correct interpretation as they think, but when compared with the other Scriptures as a whole their egotistical correctness proves to be very incorrect.

Not a few try to make it appear that Paul was only addressing the Corinthian Church, and it did not apply to all the churches, and does not apply to us in these days. They claim that the women at Corinth had become boisterous and uncontrollable above that of women at other points and thus Paul had to tighten down on them and give orders for them to keep silence. But this view is

flatly contradicted by his letter to Timothy. If these instructions had been for the women at Corinth only, and if he had written to Timothy in regard to it at all, he certainly would have told him that the women over at Corinth had become so bold and mannish that he had given orders for them to be silent and say nothing at all in the services, and if they wished to "learn anything, let them ask their husbands at home." But the letter of instructions to Timothy indicates that it was given as a universal teaching and did not apply to the women of Corinth only. However it is an undeniable fact, that women are to have no voice in certain matters, and that there is a time and place that she is to be in silence; and it has been established with equal certainty that she has a right to preach the gospel, so it will be necessary for us to look elsewhere for a correct interpretation.

In his letter Paul had just been giving some instructions to the Church at Corinth and concludes by saying, "as in all the churches of the saints," which shows that the instructions were not meant to apply locally only, but universally, to all the churches. Then he immediately follows this by giving instructions about the women and uses the word "churches" which shows without a reasonable doubt that the instructions were general and universal. "Let your women keep silence in the churches," he says. Not only the Church of God at Corinth, to which he addressed his letter, but to all the churches everywhere and the statement in his letter to Timothy corroborates this view. So far, we are on solid footing in our discussion.

Paul instructs that the women keep silence in the very place where he himself would rather speak five words with his understanding than ten thousand words in an unknown tongue. It is

the same place where men are to keep silence, that is, they are not to talk in tongues unless there is an interpreter present. This order is to be maintained "in the church."

Paul does not condemn speaking in tongues, neither does he forbid women preaching, "but in the church" he would rather speak five words with his understanding than ten thousand words in an unknown tongue, and he says "it is a shame for women to speak in the church." Referring to the tongues he says, "I thank my God, I speak with tongues more than ye all." Referring to women preaching he says, "But every woman that * * * prophesieth with her head uncovered dishonoreth her head." These are both plain acknowledgements that Paul will talk in tongues and the woman will preach, but not in the church.

Paul did not say he would not talk in tongues in the church, but infers that he would rather not, but he does say, "I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence." Paul gives a privilege for two or three to speak in unknown tongues in the church provided there is an interpreter (1 Cor. 14:34). This is plain, forcible, and conclusive.

I wish now to call attention to two words that are given as a key to the whole situation, "usurp" and "authority." You find them at 1 Tim. 2:12. "But I suffer not a woman to teach nor to usurp authority over the man." The revised version has it thus: "But I permit not a woman to teach, nor to have dominion over a man."

Again it becomes necessary to consult our authority for the definition of English words. First, we will define "dominion," which means, "Sovereign or supreme authority; the power of governing and controlling; government." The next word we will define is "authority" which is "Power, rule government." The next word is "usurp" which means "To take possession of by force, or without right."

Please notice that Paul advises that the women keep silence in the churches, and

shows that it is a shame for the to speak in the church. (1 Cor. 14:34, 35). He explains in his letter to Timothy that she shall have no part in the government. This analogy is clear and conclusive, and he gives as his reason that "Adam was first formed, then Eve. And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression. (1 Tim. 2:13, 14).

The explanation is clear and without any reasonable contradiction. Paul explains Gen. 2:18 by saying, "The man is not of the woman, but the woman of the man. Neither was the man created for the woman; but the woman for the man." (1 Cor. 11:8, 9) He also says, "But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God" (1 Cor. 11:3) Eve was in the transgression in that she usurped the power of government or authority from Adam and accepted an additional plank in the platform without sheltering under Adam as her protector. She should have said to the beguiling serpent, "That's none of my business, you will have to talk to Adam about that." But she accepted the fruit and gave to her husband also.

Paul uses this to show that woman shall have no part in the government. She is not to exercise authority and dominion over the man. Now since she is not to have dominion and authority over the man, and is to have no voice in the government we readily conclude that there is such a close resemblance between the word "church" and "government," that these words are sometimes used interchangeably.

Since we have proved clearly that women have the right to preach, and that she shall have no voice in the government, then we will do no violence to Scripture or language to say, "Let your women keep silence in the churches (governments); for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience, as also saith the law." They are to obey the laws of the government but not to govern. That is, the law said for the women to be submissive to the govern-

ment and not usurp the authority from the man as did Eve, and Paul says so, too.

Some one might question the above expression, that of using the plural "churches" and "governments." This was Paul's way of showing that these instructions were not for the church at Corinth alone, but applied to all churches wherever located. It also shows that each local church has a local government in which the women are to have no part except to obey.

To illustrate—we have one government, the United States of America. Besides the government as a whole there are smaller or inferior governments scattered in every state, county and town or city. Paul knew what he was doing, and he leaves no room for us to be puzzled about the matter. The fact is that women have no voice in governmental affairs in the local churches or the general assembly where questions are considered and settled as shown at Acts 15.

Women are granted the privilege of attending such meetings of governmental business and listening in quietness to all that is spoken, but not even to ask for an explanation of some point she don't understand. Eve could have stood by her husband in silence while he negotiated with the serpent, and escaped the charge of being in the transgression, but when she usurped authority from her husband and took the reins of government in her own hands and accepted that new law that was really contrary to God's law, it branded her forever as being in the transgression.

When Israel received the law at Mount Sinai and made a covenant with God and Moses that they would keep it they then became a government with authorities and rulers. In referring to this great government, fifteen hundred and twenty-four years later Stephen named it the "church in the wilderness" which was none other than the government in the wilderness.

Instance the experience of Miriam the prophetess, Moses' sister. Although she was a prophetess, when she undertook to usurp authority

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Don't fail to keep in memory the great importance of growing in grace and becoming more spiritual. God is watching every move you make, and every move either brings you into closer touch with God or tends to separate.

W. H. Cross is moving from Wauchula, Fla., to Quitman, Ga., where he wishes his friends to address him when they write.

Someone has requested that his paper be changed from Bradentown, Fla., to Landing, Miss., and failed to give the name. Will someone kindly give us the name. Make mention of this notice when writing.

Cleveland, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and All the Saints:

Greetings in Jesus' Precious Name—I feel that I must write a few words this morning and tell all the precious brothers and sisters what the Lord has done for me.

I feel so thankful for what He has done. Praise His precious name! The Lord wonderfully healed me of that loathsome disease,

pellagra. Praise God forever!

Dear ones, don't ever let the devil make you think that the Lord won't heal you, no matter what disease comes upon you. The pellagra had come upon me suddenly and unexpectedly and in a very severe form.

I realized that I could not stand it but a short time; was going down so fast, unless the Lord did heal me.

And an other strange part about it was that I had been having some very severe trials for about ten months and had gotten into an awful cold state, and the devil was trying to make me think that I had backslid and that the Lord wouldn't hear me.

I also had a strange dream a short time ago. I thought I was in a house with some other people, and one of my brothers and I were talking, when the power of God came upon me and caused me to run clear across the room, which was a very large one, then back to where I was standing, said a few words, then ran out the door. I thought there was a long porch clear across the building. It was a very dark and stormy night and the rain seemed to be falling in torrents. But the power carried me out into the rain and wafted me all about for a little while, but did not let me touch the ground. I came back to the porch again and then into the room and began telling the people what the Lord had done. Showed them my shoes and told them how strange it was. They were perfectly dry and the rain hadn't touched me.

I was very much impressed about the dream and wondered what it could mean. I talked it over with some others and told them it surely meant no matter how dark and how hard the trials were, the Lord could bring us out. One of the brothers told me to look out, that I would have some very hard trials—harder than ever.

So it was only two days until it came. Some of our precious people, whom we loved and thought a great deal of, turned against us. Because we were in "This Way," and trusted the Lord for our bodies.

Our baby had also been sick three weeks and we couldn't get victory. But the prayer of faith was finally prayed and she was healed.

Then I was taken down with pellagra. And Oh! was in an awful condition and was discouraged and disheartened and realized my

time was short, if I didn't get better soon.

I was studying about sister Velva Horton and was wanting her to come to see me so bad. So she finally came late yesterday evening. Said she had been wanting to come to see me, but seemed like she couldn't get away, but finally picked up her bonnet and came on anyway. She came in and saw my condition and said: "Maggie, you must look up. The Lord can heal you!"

How much good it did me! I took fresh courage and began to look up. And brother Luther Richard came over to spend the night with us, and we went down to prayer at bedtime. And the Lord gave us the victory and the power carried me about just exactly like it did in my dream, except I wasn't lifted off the ground. I was healed and am feeling good in my body this morning, and have the victory in my soul.

Praise God! I know I am still saved, sanctified and have the baptism of the Holy Ghost and speak in other tongues as in Acts 2:4.

So dear ones in your darkest times, look up, don't be overcome. And don't think it strange when these fiery trials come for the Lord is going to have a tried people.

Your sister under the blood,
Mrs. Maggie Osment.

Gone Home

Is brother Charley Fair who departed this life Aug. 28, 1915. His death came unexpected to all. He was a true Christian filled with the Holy Ghost and a member of the Church of God. We miss uncle Charley in our meetings but we know it is far better to depart and be with the Lord.

Oh call it not death,
'Tis life begun;
For the waters are past
And home is won.
The ransomed spirit
Hath reached the shore,
Where they weep and suffer
And sin no more.
He is safe in his Father's
House above,
In the place prepared
By our Savior's love.
To depart from the world
Of sin and strife
And to be with Jesus,
Yes, this is life!
He has reached the joys of heaven,
He's one of the sainted band;
For his head a crown of glory is
given,
And a harp is in his hand.
Then comes the thought of glory
To which our brother has gone,
The far surpassing glory
Beyond what earth has known.
Estate of light and gladness
Where tears are wiped away,
The joy in blessed fullness
Of everlasting day.

Uncle Charley will be missed by us all. He leaves a wife and twelve children

to mourn his absence. But, Hallelujah, we will meet him on heaven's happy shore.

Asberry McGlameny.
Blairsville, Ga.

Reform, Ala.

To all the Dear Saints:
Greeting.

I praise God for what He is to me. I have been standing on the promises of God for ten years. Ten years ago I was a very sick person and I called in the saints to pray for me. Their prayers were answered and I was wonderfully healed. Husband and I have been followers of holiness for 14 years, but we have just begun to get in the light of the blessed Holy Ghost. I want everyone to pray for us that we may receive the Holy Ghost. O, I do love Jesus; when I look up to Him He always helps me. I am fifty-six years old but I do all my work, and though I am somewhat afflicted Jesus strengthens me and I go ahead.

I want you all to pray for us that we may go deeper in the Lord. We have had preaching in our house up until we moved to this place but we do not get to have it here now.

Your brother and sister in Christ,
J. I. Snellley and Wife.

LOVE

"Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass or tinkling cymbal."

I praise God for perfect love. God is love and when He comes into our lives He brings all the love that He has with Him and we will have His love if we let the mind of Christ be in us—the mind that thinketh no evil. By this we know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. We need the love that Christ spoke of—that greater love that will lay down its life for a friend. And if we do not have it we should pray for it until we get it.

Praise God for the love that will stand the test. It will make us pray for the ones who despitefully use us and speak all manner of evil against us falsely for Christ's sake. I am so glad Jesus has purchased this love for us on the cross of Calvary.

Praise God I am still in the fight and intend to press the battle till Jesus comes or death sets me free.

Your brother in Christ,
D. W. Dollahite.

Webster, Fla.

Greeting in Jesus Name:

I feel like sounding a note of praise to God for salvation that will clean a man up from head to heel. I am still saved from all my sins, and have the Holy Ghost and have a deep determination to press on.

Pray—pray—pray for me that I may go all the way.

I am your brother in Jesus,
J. G. Hatcher.

Too Nigh, Ga.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and all the Saints:

I am praising God for what He did for me—saved me and sanctified me and filled me with the Holy Ghost. He kept me from sinning six months before He filled me with the Holy Ghost. I kept pressing on till the seventeenth of July He gave me the Spirit. It cost me the world to get it but I would not take a hundred worlds for it now.

I want all the saints to pray that I may stay humble at Jesus' feet and do what He wants me to. Pray that my wife and my brothers and sisters may see the light on this blessing.

Your brother in Christ,
G. W. Robertson.

Loudon, Tenn.

Dear brother Tomlinson:

I am so glad Jesus ever thought me worthy of this wonderful salvation that keeps every day. Praise His Precious name. I am glad He saved me and sanctified me with His own blood and gave me the Holy Ghost three years ago. I have never had a thought of turning back, for I feel that there is nothing to turn back to.

Praise God, I have the presence of the Lord every day.

Your sister under the blood, waiting for Jesus to come or to call,

Mrs. Jane Hensley.

Clara, Fla.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am praising the Lord for saving and sanctifying me, and in a little prayer meeting last Sunday night, He filled me with the blessed Holy Ghost.

I am sixteen years old and I intend to live the remainder of my life for the Master.

Pray for me that I may stand firm and do His will, and meet him in the sky. Glory to God.

Your brother in Christ,
N. E. Jackson.

THE SPIRITUAL LIFE

Sam C. Perry

The Bible teaches us that God's people are a people who do all to His glory, their whole life belongs to Him, spirit, soul and body, every word spoken, every act committed, and every relation entered into must be for His glory. Indeed it is a wonderful life of which we read, in the sacred pages, so far above the conception of the natural man that most people do not believe that it can be attained in this present world.

But if we consider that the God who demands this remarkable life of us is none other than He who has given us our existence and its attendant blessings, and that He has abundantly promised all the grace and power necessary to enable us to come fully up to His standard of spiritual living. We should consider it a very reasonable matter that we live the good spiritual life "hid with Christ in God."

1. In the first place we want to notice that all God has required of us is provided in the statement of Jesus Christ. St. Paul declares that God "hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ." And St. Peter says "His divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness."

Jesus in the sacrifice of Himself on the cross atoned for our transgressions, all the sins we had ever committed. He atoned for and made provision that all the depravity unrighteousness of the heart be completely removed, and that the heart and life be kept free and pure from sin and sinning in every degree and sense. If He had not we could not in any sense become a Christian. Please read the following Scriptures. I John 1:7-7; and 2:2; Titus 2:14; Heb 7:25; Rev. 1:5; 2 Tim. 2:21; Eph. 5:25-27; Acts 2:32-33; Matt. 3:11; Is. 53:5.

Let it be remembered that if these promises which are made sure to us in the death and spilt blood of Jesus, be not true, we have absolutely no approach to God and no ground for expecting that God ever will have mercy on us or look toward us with any consideration.

2. But since Christ has made an atonement for us, providing deliverance from our sinful bondage, and that we might be filled with the

Holy Ghost; and have healing and all the needs of the body supplied, then the individual may become active in seeking to get into possession of that which has been so amply provided for his life.

There is something for man to do. God says "come," "seek," "ask," "knock," and unless we do our part we shall not enter in, though full provision has been made.

Jesus said, "ye would not come unto me that ye might have life." God gives no promise to those who do not come to Him. His requirements are indeed very simple. He even says "Look unto me and be ye saved." There must be a turning to God. To begin with our heart is in the wrong attitude to get God's blessings. So there must be a "righting" of our heart to get in touch with His supply. It seems hard sometimes, there is such a siege of seeking pardon purity, Pentecost or healing, but God cannot give until we have gotten in position to receive, if He were to the blessing would not meet our need or bring the glory God wants from our life. God knows what He is about, keep seeking until you have met His demands and the blessing will be realized in all its amplex.

When you realize that God has any special Grace or blessing for you, begin to make room for it, seek, pray and look toward receiving it, remembering that you may miss it entirely if you are not in an attitude of seeking and reaching forward for all that God has provided for you.

3. When once we have entered into the spiritual life it is kept and perfected by the united activities of the human heart and the Holy Spirit. It is the work of the human to believe and obey the words of the Lord, in every day life. It is then the work of the blessed Holy Spirit to shed abroad the love of God in the heart, and perfect all the fruits, graces and gifts of the Spirit in the human life. "Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure." Phil. 2:12, 13. So if we do not work, in believing, obeying and doing as He bids us, He cannot work in us, and unless He moves and operates in us, our prayers,

testimonials and efforts on all lines are worthless. "Without me ye can do nothing." Continued active obedience to God's word keeps the soul open for the operation and work of the Holy Spirit, which constitutes one a spiritual person. In outward life this spirituality will mean the showing of the life of Jesus to the world, His disposition of patience, gentleness, kindness, love, obedience to the will of the Father, purity, good words and works, an unselfish life, all manifested through a redeemed human being.

Kingston, Tenn.

The battle is on in good earnest at this place. We have met with a stubborn resistance from the enemy who had built up strong forts of misrepresentations and criticisms and unbelief, but we have been turning on the heavenly dynamite furnished us from the eternal world and shelled the town with shells well loaded with gospel truth until the forked lightning of Sinai and the thunderbolts from pentecostal skies played over until the forts of the enemy have fallen and the sentiment of the town is in our favor.

Some souls have gone through to victory. An old lady seventy years of age saved and sanctified and seeking her baptism. The meeting continues. Pray much for us for this is an important battle. We go from here to Lenoir City.

J. S. Llewellyn.

Spring City, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and all the Saints:

I am glad I can praise God for salvation. I'm glad I can praise Him for this sweet way. "And an highway shall be there, and a way and it shall be called the way of holiness." Thank God. Hallelujah to God. Praise His precious name. And I know I have salvation for I feel it in my soul. I am thanking God for the way He is moving things on and the Holy Ghost leads since brother Yates came and showed the light on the dear old Church of God, the only church that Jesus is coming after. I want to kindly ask the prayers of the saints for my family.

Vesta Evans.

WANTED

A tent meeting at Forney, S. C. Somebody that has a tent and will preach the full gospel and demonstrate God's power.

Address D. W. Jordan, Forney, S. C.

Francis, Okla.

Well glory, still have the victory praise God.

On Tuesday, Aug. 24, late in the afternoon the Frisco train stopped at the little town of Francis, Okla., here we alighted and met a little crowd of anxious people who already had the tent pitched and just waiting for the preacher. Although tired and sleepy, we met quite a large crowd at the tent that night and did our best to break the Bread of Life to them.

We found some good people here but it is a new place for pentecost. Saints, please pray much for this puny little preacher in this needy field, that God will save, sanctify and fill many precious ones with the Holy Ghost.

Your brother in Christ,
T. S. Payne.

Red Ash, Ky.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and all the Saints of God:

I praise God for saving me and sanctifying and filling me with the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in tongues as the Spirit gave utterance. The Lord blest me with this about seven years ago. I can't praise Him enough for the wonderful blessings. It is wonderful what the Lord will do for His children when we humble ourselves at His feet. I am determined by the help of God to go through with Him. I feel that I am but a babe in Christ, and I earnestly desire the prayers of all the saints that I may continue to live humble at Jesus feet and be obedient to His will. I love all the saints the world over and love to read their testimonies in this paper. Pray for me and family.

Ellen Foster.

Assembly Nov. 1-7, 1915.

The good sisters here are laboring faithfully preparing quilts for use at that time. Some are preparing to bring bedding with them when they come. This is a good thing. Don't forget provisions for food too.

Millport, Ala.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and all the Saints Everywhere:

I want to praise God for the blood of Jesus that can make us free from sin. I am more determined to go all the way with my Savior than ever before.

Our meeting has just closed. We had a wonderful time in the Lord. Brother Z. D. Simpson was in charge with other workers. As brother Simpson gave out the Word the people drank

it down. Glory to Jesus. One brother handled a hot lamp-globe while under the power. God sure did bless on Monday. Brother Simpson was called off about ten miles to pray for a sick lady the Lord wonderfully blest brother Reynolds in giving out a message on the gifts of the Spirit. Oh, how the saints shouted while the Word was being given out.

I thank God for my place in the Church of God. Pray that I may be a shining light.

Lunie Howard.

Dayton, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and all the Saints:

I want to praise God for the blessed Holy Ghost. I have been in the way three years and every day gets brighter to me, glory to God. I sure do like to read the Church of God paper, for it is wonderful food to my soul.

I praise God for giving my husband the Holy Ghost and healing him of a bad spell of fever. He was completely healed the third day, praise the precious name of Jesus. I am so glad we have a Saviour who will help us in all of our trouble, I belong to the dear old Church of God near Dayton. We are having some wonderful meetings here and many are receiving the blessed Holy Ghost. Glory to our heavenly King.

I want all the saints to pray for me and my husband that we may always be found doing the will of our Heavenly Father.

Your sister under the blood waiting to meet the Lord in the air,

Mrs. Kate Walker.

Harrisville, Ohio.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I certainly rejoice to read your paper. I haven't been to a Holiness meeting since October, so I just shout and talk in tongues at home, and the Lord is certainly with me. I want the saints to pray for me that I may keep humble at the feet of Jesus until He comes or calls and I don't feel that it will be long till he comes. We are soon to get a holiness preacher from old Virginia and I want you all to pray the Lord will do a wonderful work here. There are many people here that seem to know nothing about God.

Mrs. Nancy Hutchens.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I want to write a few words of testimony. I am seeking the Holy Ghost and I want you all to pray that I may receive him soon for I don't feel that I could do much until I receive the Holy Ghost.

Giles Hutchens.

PAUL'S STATEMENT—

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from Moses and spoke up where she had no right, she was smitten with leprosy and God commanded her to be put out of the camp for seven days as a punishment for her vile act in speaking against Moses in governmental affairs. This bit of history stands out as a silent and awful warning against woman assuming authority and rule in government, or even speaking at an improper time and place in relation to governmental affairs. This took place in the church in the wilderness. Miriam could prophesy or preach, but she could not hold any part of the reins of government.

Paul's statement that women shall keep silence in the churches is a direct command against women taking active part in governmental control. She is not allowed to take the initiative in introducing religious systems as did Mrs. Eddy in introducing her infernal so-called "christian science," or the Fox sisters that introduced the system of "spiritualism." Paul forbids the women to occupy positions in introducing new theories such as was done by Mrs. E. G. White of "Seventh-day Adventist" fame, in her "Science and Health" and other writings that have deceived so many conscientious humble souls and landed them in hell, the very place they claim does not exist. This accursed coil came very near entwining itself around this humble soul at one time, but thank God he escaped, and feels it his duty to warn others against its subtle slimy enticements.

Paul's instructions are in direct opposition to some of the practices of Mrs. Woodworth Etter as stated in her "Acts of the Holy Ghost." She was out of place in exercising authority over men in organizing churches and ordaining men for officers and ministers by the laying on of her hands.

Let the good sisters feel at perfect liberty to preach the gospel, pray for sick or well, testify, exhort, etc., but humbly hold themselves aloof from taking charge of the governmental affairs. This is Paul's meaning by the expression, "Let your women keep silence in the churches; for it is not permitted unto them to speak."

REPORT.

Madisonville, Tenn., R3.—We have just closed a meeting here at the Hiwassee church which continued three

weeks. Many sinners found pardon for sins, ten were sanctified, eight received the precious Holy Ghost, three reclaimed, fourteen joined the church, and twelve baptized in water. Many others yet to be baptized and join the church. This country is certainly stirred about the Holy Ghost. Brother Will McPherson of Chattanooga was with us. The Lord certainly used him in giving out the Word. Many vile sinners came with tears and embraced brother McPherson asking for prayer.

L. Ryder.

Report from Sobel, Tenn.

On the 13th of August we commenced to wage war against the enemy at this place, and we sure have had a fight, but the Lord gave the victory. Several saved and sanctified and seven filled with the Holy Ghost. Brother and sister Newman gave out the Word in its purity. Our state overseer, Geo. T. Brouayer and his wife were with us, also brothers Kimlin and Bryans. The word of God has been preached in all of its fullness by these dear ministers of God.

The serpent was brought in and the signs followed that we read of in Mark's gospel. Some ten or more handled the serpent and after sister Brouayer had handled it twice then it bit her, but as it was with Paul, she felt no harm and many were made to believe in the true God.

The Scripture was fulfilled where David said that the sinner shall not stand in the congregation of the righteous. The Holy Ghost read out people and they had to confess to their guilt, and admitted that it was the Holy Ghost as no one knew the things but them and God.

Some wonderful cases of healing have been done. One aged sister who had been in bed for over four years sent for the elders to come and pray for her and she got up and came to the meeting that night and has been coming ever since and is now seeking the Holy Ghost. One sister was healed of typhoid fever, got right up and went about her work. When the power of God began to work the doctor said he was ready to dismiss the case, but he had said the day before that her fever was 104. But praise the Lord, fever is nothing in the hands of our God for He has all power.

There were sixteen added to the dear old Church of God and fifteen baptized

with water. Praise God, the good work is going on over the head of all opposition.

Brother Brouayer and workers now have pitched their tents about seven miles from here. They desire the prayers of the saints. We here at Sobel crave an interest in your prayers.

S. W. Patterson.

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McMinnville, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I praise the Lord this morning for the victory in my soul. The Lord is so wonderfully blessing us down here. The Lord is sure blessing me in giving out the Word. The people are getting very restless in their souls, both black and white. One little girl got the Holy Ghost. Bless His name.

Geo. Sprinkler.

Cleveland, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and all the Saints of God:

I am praising God for full and free salvation that keeps above sin and reaches even me. I am saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and speak in other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance.

I have been in this precious way four years and it grows brighter every day. Praise the Lord, I'm living in Beulah drinking from the fountain that never runs dry. I can't really praise the Lord enough for what He has done for me. We sure have been having some good meetings around at the houses since the meeting closed. At the beginning of one service it seemed we could hardly sing and the devil attacked the body of one of the sisters and it seemed she would smother to death. We fell down before the Lord and cried out and mourned till the Lord answered prayer. At first she did not get any better, but we just cried the more to the Lord and He healed her, and she got up praising the Lord and speaking in tongues and I never saw such a meeting as we had.

Well praise the Lord, I sure do enjoy reading the dear Evangel. When I read the testimonies of the dear saints that I know, it seems like their voices talking. And those off in the work suffering all kinds of things, I can't

keep from crying, but those that live godly shall suffer persecutions.

I want to praise God for giving my husband the Holy Ghost. We heard him speak in tongues and magnify God. It seems like we have a new home now. Papa and mamma and five sisters at home and all have the Holy Ghost. My baby sister is twelve years old and she is on fire for God. I have one sister in Kentucky that is unsaved and I ask prayers for her and her husband that they may come into the fold before it is too late. My only brother is a backslider, will you please pray for him and his wife? Oh, it breaks my heart to think he is back in sin.

Remember me in your prayers and pray that I may stay humble and raise my children right.

Ada Campbell.

Kentwood, La.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

Greetings in the precious name of Jesus. I am so glad salvation's full and it reaches even me. I praise God I have been saved and sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost according to Acts 2:4. I love the name of Jesus. All the saints pray for me that I may be found at the feet of Jesus doing His will and keeping all the commandments.

Ralph Durand.

Harriman, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

Yesterday a week ago I wrote for you all to pray for me. I can say, on the next night after I wrote I got such a blessing from the dear Lord and I have been so much better. Some body prayed for me I know. I wondered what made me feel so happy and good. Oh, may God ever keep me humble and true. I send a—for your dear paper. Send it this week.

Mrs. Jas. Solomon.

Spring Place, Ga.

We have had a meeting at Cohutta Springs. The dear Lord blest in a wonderful way. Some saved, some baptized with the Holy Ghost; and many convinced that the dear old Church of God is right with her laws and governments. Thank God, she must come to light.

W. W. Murphy.

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Madisonville, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am still praising God because I am still saved and sanctified and speak in tongues. I thank God for this holy way and because I belong to the Church of God. I know this is the way to heaven. I want all to pray for me that I may get stronger in the Lord.

Your sister in Christ,
Mollie Bonine.

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